

Clear Up Shock Check Confusion

WHAT'S
GOING ON!?
THEY CAN'T
ALL BE NMC!

BUT, SERGEANT,
ALL THE SHOCK
ABSORBERS MOVE
WHEN I TRY TO
ROTATE 'EM!

Dear Half-Mast,

TM 9-2350-293-10 is a little vague when it comes to checking the shock absorbers on your M992A2 ammo carrier.

Item 40c in the PMCS tables says to turn the shock absorber from side to side. Any movement means the upper end of the shock is damaged and the vehicle is NMC.

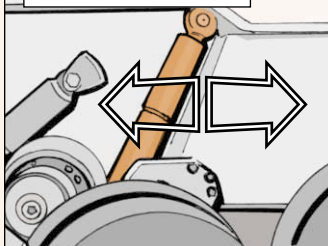
The confusion comes from interpreting the "side to side" movement. Some operators think it means to rotate the upper shock clockwise/counterclockwise to check for movement.

I've always thought it meant left and right lateral movement of the shock absorber. That would better indicate movement between the bearing bore and the shock mounting stud or within the bearing itself.

Can you give us the straight scoop?

CW3 D.D.

Check for left-to-right
movement, not rotation



Dear Mr. D.D.,

You're 100 percent right, Sir. You're supposed to check for any lateral movement, not rotation of the shocks. Almost all shock absorbers will rotate slightly. The amount of rotation depends on mileage and how much CARC paint there is on the shock.

Make a note in the -10 TM until it can be updated.

Half-Mast